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Department of Homeland Security U.S. Customs & Border Protection FOIA Officer 90 K Street NE, 9th Floor Washington, D.C. 20229-1181 http://www.cbp.gov/foia

Dear FOIA Officer,

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I write to request specific categories of records held by the U.S. Department of the Homeland Security's office of U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Specifically, I am requesting the following information, for the period January 1, 2000 through August 6, 2015:

- A database, spreadsheet or other tabular electronic data with records of every Report of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments (FinCEN Form 105) collected or received by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. At minimum, I request that this information contain:
 - o Date of filing
 - o Whether the filing relates to inbound or outbound currency
 - o The port code
 - o Airline/flight/vessel name
 - o Whether the count was verified
 - Whether the report was voluntary
 - o Citizenship of individual on whose behalf importation or exportation was conducted.
 - o City, state and postal code of the permanent address in United States or abroad on whose behalf importation or exportation was conducted.
 - o Type of business activity, occupation or profession
 - o Type and amount of currency/monetary instruments

Form 105 filings are required by any person who physically transports, mails, or ships, or causes to be physically transported, mailed, or shipped currency or other monetary instruments in an aggregate amount exceeding \$10,000 at one time from the United States to any place outside the United States, or into the United States from any place outside the United States.

According to documents published by the United States Department of the Treasury, Form 105 filings are collected and analyzed by Customs and Border Patrol. See, for instance, FinCEN's 2011 Annual Report, which states:

¹ http://www.fincen.gov/forms/files/fin105 cmir.pdf, accessed 8/6/2015

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"The U.S. Homeland Security Department's Customs and Border Protection agency reported that 197,969 Reports of International Transportation of Currency or Monetary Instruments were filed in fiscal year 2011." ²

I ask that you release any segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. If you determine that any fields must be redacted, I ask that you please cite the specific statute on which you rely.

The Wall Street Journal is a news organization and the information requested will not be used for commercial purposes. I request that you waive any applicable fees.

If you expect the cost of this request to exceed \$200, please contact me with an estimate. I can be reached at (212) 416-4327 or <u>rob.barry@wsj.com</u>.

I ask that you communicate with me via email or telephone.

Thank you in advance for your help with this matter,

Regards,

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² http://www.fincen.gov/news_room/rp/files/annual_report_fy2011.pdf, Page 8, Footnote 6, accessed 8/6/2015.